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	Application Number 09/954,891		Filed September 18, 2001	3600	
	For Method And A	ry O,			
	Art Unit 3672				

	Application Number 03/354,031					
	For Method And Apparatus For Horizontal Drilling And Oil Recovery					
Art Unit 3672 Examiner Hoang C. Dang						
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above dentified application.						
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